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Daily Summary of Positions on INF--Classified Developments

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Dutch Anti-INF Forces Gear for Battle

Embassy The Hague reports that Dutch opponents of INF are setting their sights on September, when the government's 10-year defense plan will be published. The aim of the Inter-Church Peace Council is to galvanize public opposition to deployment to forestall a positive parliamentary vote. The opposition Labor Party is prepared to oppose any further progress on site preparations, but party leader Den Uyl is trying to fend off Labor's endorsement of a campaign of civil disobedience. [Redacted]

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Reporting on the latest round of technical discussions, the Embassy describes the Dutch as willing to proceed discreetly with preparations but unwilling to name an INF site in order to prevent leaks and to deal more effectively with potentially troublesome local zoning laws. Our Embassy speculates that The Hague is continuing to look for ways to reduce some of its nuclear responsibilities as its price for INF. [Redacted]

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